

LA Essay

My parents always say, "Our family members are the most important, and they are always above everything else." This, I have believed since I was young. Our family members are the ones whom we can always depend on, whom we can never imagine living without. It was one such incident when I realised how important they are to me...

It was the first time I was going for a camp, and the first time I would be away from my family for 3 days. When my parents wanted me to call them every night, I thought they were being overprotective, and I could not wait to experience the feeling of not having my parents watching over me every second.

At first, I was rather happy having fun with my friends at the camp, never once thinking about my family for the whole day. However, I could not sleep once I got in bed. I felt so uneasy laying there for what seemed forever. And suddenly, I missed my family. I missed the hug I would get from my parents every night before I slept. I missed how, in bed, I would tell my brother secrets before I slept. I missed how my mother would come to switch off the air-conditioning when she thought we were sleeping; afraid our mouths would get dry. I could never have these comforts in the course of the camp. These 3 days, it was hard to sleep every night, and I started looking forward to the end of the camp when I could go back to my cozy home and my loving family. Even though I had friends all around me, I realized that I would be lonely without my family. They were my comfort when I came home from a tiring day, the motivation to continue my work when I was weary. I was in Primary 5 at that time, and I truly felt that I had finally grown up, to realise the importance of family.

And when I grew older, my father had to go overseas often for business trips. It was not too bad at first, since I was older and more mature, but after, he accepted a job overseas and left for about a year, coming back only a few times. I missed him terribly; it was awful not having your father around to ask about homework, or to chat with during dinner. If not having one family member around you was already that bad, I could never imagine how I would live without the rest of my family members.

Even though my family may be too overbearing and annoying at times, they are still the ones who love me the most and I really appreciate them for teaching me all that I need to know, as well as showering me with care and concern. There is no need for them to prove their love for me, because I can already feel it in their every action. I do believe in my parents' words, and I will continue to do so.